

ISRAEL AND MIDDLE EAST

Rabbis attacked on bastardy cases

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

Neither the Israeli Prime Minister, Mrs Golda Meir, nor her senior colleagues in the Labour Party are yet ready for a showdown with the National Religious Party and the rabbinate, although both sides are certain it will come one day.

When two Bills came before the Knesset last week—one providing for a six-month extension of the terms of office of the Ashkenazi and Sephardi Chief Rabbis, the other establishing the method of election of their successors—Labour Party members were instructed by the whips not to vote against their passage to committee.

Tide did not prevent many speakers from the Labour benches from making bitter criticisms of the manner in which the rabbinate has handled such issues as conversion, bastardy and its own affairs.

But, having had their say, Labour Party members obeyed instructions on Tuesday night and passed the two Bills.

Also on Tuesday, Mr Dayan, the Defence Minister, lit out at what he termed the "scandalous" behaviour of the rabbinate over the conversion (bastardy) issue. He told Haaretz, the independent daily, that he would "continue to express my view wherever I can."

Mr Dayan added that he had opposed extending the Chief Rabbinate's term of office and looked to changes in the way the electoral college was composed so that there

would be more general supervision of the rabbinate.

He also said that if his party, Labour, tabled a Bill for the introduction of civil marriage in Israel, he would support it, "because I am in favour of civil marriage."

The civil marriage issue was debated in the Knesset last week. Beforehand, the Labour Mapam alignment had forbidden its members to vote in favour of a motion by a State List deputy, Mr Mor Avizohar, which would have permitted civil marriage for those Jews denied marriage by the rabbinate.

One Labour member, Mr David Coren, was given permission to abstain and two Mapam members voted in favour.

Mr Avizohar was at pains to stress that he favoured the maintenance of halachic requirements for those Jews entitled to marry under Jewish law.

His concern was for those such as non-zerim (bastards) and others whom the rabbis would not marry and who were thereby denied a basic human right.

The Minister for Religious Affairs, Dr Zerah Warhaftig, could not see what all the fuss was about. There had been some 450,000 marriages in Israel since the establishment of the State, he said.

What did it matter if a few hundred flew to Cyprus to contract a civil marriage or were married "by post" by the Mexican authorities?



Left: An Israeli soldier giving a drink of water to an Arab terrorist who fled into Israeli-held territory from Jordan last week to escape from the attacking Jordanian Army. Right: Another soldier bandages up a terrorist wounded in both legs by Jordanian Army troops during their attack last week.

Allon urges kindness

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

It was right for Israel to grant asylum to fleeing Arab terrorists, and not return them to Jordan or take revenge on them, Mr Yigal Allon said here on Sunday.

Addressing a meeting at the Hebrew University, the Deputy Premier said that the terrorists did not have to be sent to resorts or regarded as free men, but they should be treated reasonably.

To act in any other way, he continued, would be an act of disloyalty to Israel's whole outlook and would also have far-reaching moral and political consequences.

Reflecting on the improved relations with the Arabs of the West Bank, Mr Allon looked to them as a basis on which ties might be established with Arab countries.



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Russians try to regain favour in Cairo

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

A top-level Soviet Communist Party delegation has been in Cairo since July 20 and it is considered by expert circles here that the delegation is seeking to restore the standing of the party in the ruling Egyptian Arab Socialist Union. The party suffered a serious setback when President Sadat carried out his series of purges in May.

The delegation is headed by Mr Boris Ponomarev, the secretary of the central committee of the Soviet Communist Party, and includes the secretary of Komsomol, the Soviet Young Communist League, whose main aim is believed to be to cultivate ASU youth.

It is also assumed here that the delegation is empowered to follow up the political talks initiated in Moscow by the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mahmoud Eltad, during his visit to the Soviet Union at the beginning of July.

Sadat and President Nikolai Podgorny agreed, according to the joint communiqué issued towards the end of May after Mr Podgorny's visit to Egypt, to co-operate in the international arena and in establishing a Socialist society in Egypt.

Highest kibbutz

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

The first buildings of the highest kibbutz in the world, situated at the Golan Heights, are nearing completion and the first members of the kibbutz have arrived to begin work on their settlement.

The kibbutz, which is named after the late Labour leader Mr Itzhak Tabonko, lies between Kuneitra and Bukata, 3,000 metres above sea level.

Arabs are moved from Gaza camp

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

Israel's Defence Minister, Mr Moshe Dayan, has long argued that little can be done to prevent the murders inside the Gaza refugee camps until there is some thinning out of their population and an improvement in conditions.

Now, a quiet start has been made on this process.

Twenty families have been evacuated from the Djebeliya camp where the Israeli authorities are building new security roads and sewers.

Most preferred to find their own homes rather than accept the alternatives offered by the authorities. It is understood that they were given the choice of remaining in the Gaza Strip or moving to Sinai towns such as El Arish or to the West Bank.

Compensation is being paid to the evacuated families and steps taken to keep jobs open inside and outside the Gaza Strip for their men.

Gaza employees of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency joined some 100 women and children in a protest demonstration on Tuesday against the transfer of these families, and Unrwa issued

a statement saying that it had agreed to this measure. Other families to be moved from the camp, which has a population of 42,000 families, may be housed in rural settlements where they will have a house and a plot of land to cultivate.

This year alone over 40 inhabitants of Djebeliya have died as a result of terrorist activities. Since the Six-Day War, over 70,000 people have emigrated from the Gaza Strip and northern Sinai to the West Bank and a variety of Arab countries. Among them were 12,000 single men who went to the West Bank.

Another 80,000 went "temporarily" either to their education or for various reasons. There are no statistics on the number who returned.

In the Gaza Strip, on Sunday morning, Israeli troops and tanks were seen moving in and out of the camp. The men were all on the Gaza Strip and were all on the Gaza Strip.

On Saturday evening, five terrorists, one of them a woman, were shot dead by Israeli troops on the Golan Heights. The bodies were found near a road leading from the Golan Heights to the Gaza Strip.

Some hits out again over Holy places

From our Correspondent Rome

When he fired another salvo against what he called the "falsification" of his time in the far east by Professor Federico Alessandrini, the official spokesman.

Alessandrini, who is editor of the Vatican weekly, "L'Osservatore Romano," said Israel in the weekly newspaper Christians from before the 1967 Six-Day

War to Israel statements number of Christians in the Holy Places had decreased by 50 per cent since the Jordanian occupation of East Jerusalem in 1967. Professor Alessandrini wrote:

"We do not specify that the Holy Places are not to be taken, particularly from that city occupied by the Israelis."

He accused Israel of the capture of East Jerusalem in the Six-Day War of 1967. He said that the Holy Places were not to be taken, particularly from that city occupied by the Israelis.

He said, "These places over which we have a claim and which have been threatened by ourselves again and again are also causing concern among those Israelis who are conscious of the Holy Places of the Holy Places."

He said, "I see before me now a picture of Jerusalem which was used by the Israelis to give the Holy Places a false picture. Who is this person, who twice declared in favour of war? With what hands does he assert his illegality?"

"Why should we not explain our case? If not to all governments, then at least to the friendly ones among them and to world public opinion as a whole?"

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

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Scrolls arrive from Libya

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

About 50 Torah scrolls from synagogues in Libya, most of them lost or burned after Colonel Muammar Gaddafi took power in the 1969 revolution, have arrived in Israel.

Libyan Jews were forced to pay large sums of money to take the scrolls with them on their departure for Italy. The transfer of the scrolls to Israel was supervised by Mr Ben-Zion Haim, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, who himself emigrated from Libya to Israel.

After inspection by Rabbi Moshe Eliezer, of the Hatzrat (Labour Federation), the scrolls still fit for use will be distributed to synagogues in moshavim and other settlements established by immigrants from Libya.

Too many tourists

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

With a tourism crisis on the horizon—some do not think it is a crisis—there are people clamouring for action.

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Bonn rebuffs Libyan manoeuvre

From our Correspondent Bonn

Both Mr Willy Brandt, the West German Chancellor, and Mr Walter Scheel, the Foreign Minister, rebuffed a Libyan attempt last week to seek improved relations with Bonn at Israel's expense.

During his visit to Bonn, Major Abdul Solem Jalloud, the Libyan Deputy Prime Minister, hinted that West Germany was dependent on Libyan oil supplies and might, accordingly, reconsider her support for Israel.

The Arabs would regain all territories now occupied by Israel even if it took 20 years, he added. Replying, Mr Scheel said that the West German Government hoped for improved relations with Arab countries, but pointed out that the links with Israel could not be impaired.

Later Major Jalloud met the Chancellor who explained his view that Middle East peace was possible only on the basis of the existence and security of all peoples in this region.

From our Correspondent Paris

Israel's Embassy in Paris is making a special effort to intensify contacts with the French Foreign Ministry. Personal relations between officials of the two countries have always been friendly and even cordial but French officials have recently indicated that their Israeli colleagues were not keeping in sufficiently close touch.

Mr Asher Ben-Natan, the Israeli Ambassador here, was seeing

Mr Maurice Schumann, the French Foreign Minister yesterday before leaving for his summer holiday in Israel.

Two other Israeli diplomats will also be trying to establish closer links with Quai d'Orsay officials. They are Mr Yosef Tadmor, who is replacing Mr Eyal Ron as Minister at the embassy, and a new cultural counsellor.

Mr Ilon is to become Israeli Ambassador to Japan. Mr Hadass, who has already served two tours of duty in Paris, has many friends here. He is an expert on Arab affairs.

But no one is under any illusion that closer personal ties between Israeli and French officials are going to result in any change in France's pro-Arab policy.

Observers here consider that France feels she has gained a number of advantages from her attitude towards the Arabs. She feels that her wooing of them has paid off in political, economic and financial terms and has provided an additional outlet for French arms and military equipment.

A corollary of this, in the French view, is that Israel must be kept at a distance. There is a possibility—albeit a remote one—of a meeting between the Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr Abba Eban, and Mr Schumann. The French Foreign Minister recently told the Senate that he was ready to receive Mr Eban if the latter should happen to be passing through Paris.

The implication was that Mr

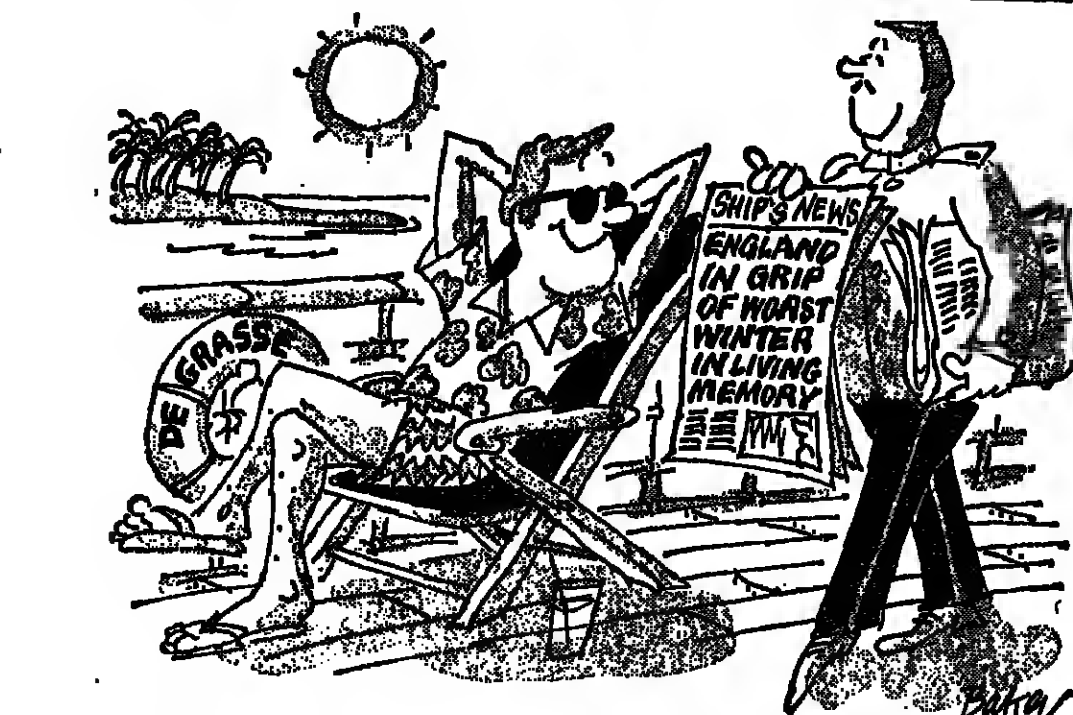
From our Correspondent Jerusalem

Mrs Golda Meir, the Israeli Premier, gave a small informal party at her Jerusalem home last week for her surviving fellow-passengers—and some of their children—who were with her aboard the ship Poseidonias when she sailed from America to Palestine exactly 50 years ago.

In a nostalgic speech to those present, Mrs Meir recalled that in 1921 the late British High Commissioner in Palestine, Sir Alan Cunningham, warned her of the fate which he believed awaited the Jews when the British Mandate ended.

But 18 months ago, when she was in London for a few days, she received a note from him in which he admitted that he was wrong and advised her "not to bridge from anywhere."

Mrs Meir commented: "For the present I accept his advice."



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OVERSEAS NEWS

Soviet Jews sent to notorious camp

From our Special Correspondent on East European Affairs

All 18 Soviet Jews convicted in Leningrad in May and in Kishinev in June, as well as two of the four convicted in Riga in May, have been moved to the notorious Patna labour camp in Mordovia.

Patna which is some 280 miles south-east of Moscow, is where the Soviet-Jewish writer, Yuli Daniel was imprisoned. Conditions there, always very hard, have deteriorated still further during the past five years.

The food rations for inmates are now so meagre as to endanger the physical health of the inmates, and the hardship inflicted on them poses a hazard to their mental well-being.

Miss Ruth Alexandrovich, the 23-year-old nurse sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment in the Riga trial, is one of the two convicted of the trial who have been sent to Patna. She is thought to be the youngest political prisoner in the Soviet Union.

Another Jewish woman serving a labour camp sentence, Mrs. Raiza Palatnik, the 35-year-old Odessa librarian gaoled for two years



Raiza Palatnik

at the beginning of this month, is in bad shape.

Her left hand is partially paralysed and her general health is poor. She is now in solitary confinement for five days for protesting at the squalid, flea-infested cell in which she was first confined.

Mrs. Palatnik's appeal against her sentence is due to be heard on Thursday.

More assimilation

From our Special Correspondent on East European Affairs

Assimilation is one of the factors in the smaller number of Jews shown in the 1970 Soviet census, as compared with the previous one in 1959. Another possible factor is a natural decrease in the Soviet-Jewish population— an excess of deaths over births as an after-effect of the demographic disaster of the Holocaust.

This explanation of the census figures is given by Mr. Ivor J. Millman in an analysis of the preliminary results of the census published by the Institute of Jewish Affairs in London.

Mr. Millman writes that the demographic changes in Soviet Jewry have been patchy.

In the two main Slav republics (Russia and the Ukraine) the Jewish population declined by 7.6 per cent from 1,715,000 in 1959 to 1,585,000 in 1970. In the Western fringe republics (Byelorussia, Moldavia, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia) the Jewish population remained more or less static: 312,400 in 1959 and 312,300 in 1970.

In Central Asia and the Caucasus (an area covering eight

Soviet republics) the Jewish population actually increased by 5.4 per cent, from 241,000 in 1959 to 254,000 in 1970.

There are five recognised Jewish languages in the Soviet Union: Yiddish, Judeo-Georgian, Judeo-Tajik, spoken by the Bukharan Jews, Tati (the language of the Daghestani Jews) and Judeo-Krimchik (spoken by the native Crimean Tatar Jews). A total of 380,000 Soviet Jews declared a Jewish language as their native tongue in the 1970 census as opposed to 408,000 in 1959, a decline from 21.5 per cent to 17.7 per cent of the Jewish population.

As 28.8 per cent of Soviet Jews declared that they had a knowledge of a language other than Russian, many must have had a Jewish language in mind when they filled in their census forms.

Altogether, 65 per cent of the 2,181,000 Soviet Jews (according to the 1970 census) have a knowledge of the Russian language. Only 4 per cent at the most have no knowledge of Russian and know only a Jewish language.

UN group returns to its charges

From our Correspondent Geneva

A three-man United Nations group announced here last Friday that Israel's lack of co-operation was a "serious obstacle" in its attempt to investigate charges that Israel was violating human rights in the occupied territories.

The group is submitting a report to U. Thant, the UN Secretary-General, after visiting Beirut and Amman. The group has previously complained of Israel's "lack of co-operation".

Israel's refusal to co-operate stems from the Human Rights Commission's decision not to investigate the ill-treatment of Jews in Arab countries.

The group was set up by the UN after the 1968 conference in Tehran on international human rights. It proved a resolution sponsored by Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Spain to inquire into "violations of human rights" in the

territories occupied in the 1967 Six-Day War.

Israel has also condemned the inquiry as one-sided.

Mr. H. S. Amerasinghe, of Ceylon, the group's chairman, said that he had noted that Israel had made known that she possessed documentary evidence to refute all (Arab) charges, including those of torture.

The group has renewed a proposal for the appointment of a protective power by the Arab countries to look after the interests of the people in the occupied territories; as envisaged in the Geneva Conventions.

The Arab countries have refused to request this because it would imply recognition of the State of Israel.

Militant rabbi to settle in Israel

From our Correspondent New York

Rabbi Meir Kahane has announced plans to go to Israel next month with his wife and two children. Earlier this month, the 30-year-old leader of the Jewish Defence League received a suspended five-year sentence for the \$2,080 when he admitted that he helped to make a explosive device.

Two other JDL members, Chaim Bieber and Meir Kahane, were given three-year suspended sentences and were put on probation for three years. They were fined \$1,040 and \$2,080 respectively.

Placing Rabbi Kahane at the years' probation, Judge Weinstein cautioned him against further acts of violence. "In this country it is not permissible to substitute bomb for the book as the tool of Jewish machismo," he declared.

He then said that the JDL continued to have the right to be heard peacefully to fight the Soviet Jews and other groups. He told Rabbi Kahane that the court did not object if he left the country for Israel.

After the hearing, Judge Weinstein said that he would give his opinion on Jewish does not give a frequently to New York. He intended to hold dual Israeli-American citizenship.

Petition on Pakistan

From our Correspondent United Nations

Three Jewish organisations among a total of 22 organisations met in London to discuss the petition to the United Nations to take action against gross violations of human rights in East Pakistan.

Like the other 19 petition groups, the three Jewish organisations, the World Jewish Congress, the World Jewish Board of Jewish Organizations (which includes the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the International Council of Jewish Women) have the right to testify in UN forums.

15 foetuses in Jewish wife

From our Correspondent

Doctors have removed 15 foetuses from the womb of Daniela Cavaglia, a 30-year-old married in synagogues. She was married by 22 per cent, and emerges from the latest of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the International Council of Jewish Women, which shows that there rose from 3,806 in 1959

to 5,400 in 1970, the highest since 1928.

The steady improvement in the number of synagogue marriages over the past five years is, according to the report, "a distant echo" of the record number of marriages and the boom in births which followed the Second World War.

An increase in synagogue marriages this year is also predicted by the unit. It points out, however, that the present figures are still far below the number of Jewish marriages solemnised between 1945 and 1950, when they averaged 5,400 a year.

The ratio of Orthodox marriages to Progressive remained about four to one during the past year. But within the Progressive fold the proportion of Liberal marriages continued to decline, while that of the Reform marriages rose.

Mr. Lewis Gansman, of Barnes, chairman of Mortlake magistrates, has been appointed chairman of the new Richmond-on-Thames Court to be set up on October 1.

An assistant deputy chairman of summary sessions, Mr. Gansman has been a member of the High Court and a member of the High Court.

HOME NEWS

MP protests against Mosley TV feature

British Chronicle Reporter

Protests by an MP and by Mr Victor Mishon, chairman of the Board of Deputies of Jewish Communities, followed the showing of a documentary programme on all Independent Television channels on Tuesday.

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Lord Hailsham also played a prominent role as a commentator. He said that Mosley "played his cards well" nothing could have stopped him becoming leader of the Labour Party or of the national government.

Then, he believed, the Second World War would have been avoided. Mosley would not have become a fascist and he would have remained British.

Before the documentary was screened Lord Bernstein, the head of Granada Television, was quoted as saying that he did not want it to be put out on his channel.

Sir Lew Grade, head of ATV, said that he was a great believer in free speech and free thought and described the programme as a brilliant documentary, balanced and true. In the event, the programme was shown on all ITV channels, including Granada's.

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Mr Greville Janner QC, MP, showing passers-by of the Soviet Embassy in London examples of food served to Jews in Russian camps

Ambassador declines prison diet

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Jewish housewives in London have invited the Soviet Ambassador, Mr Mikhail Smirnovsky, to lunch with them. The fare offered is one day's ration served to Jewish prisoners in Russian labour camps.

The Ambassador, not surprisingly, has declined the invitation and did not even look at the 35 Committee of Women displayed on a table outside the embassy gates in Grosvenor Road at lunchtime on Monday.

The demonstration was in protest against the persecution of Jews in the Soviet Union. The women's appearance passed without demonstrations.

On Monday evening 40 Jews in Tass, the Soviet news agency, to protest against the detention of Mr Benita Bruchinin, a Moscow Jew held by the KGB without trial since June 14 following his application to emigrate to Israel.

The demonstrators, who included students and members of local, hung pictures outside the windows and on the walls of the office. They also sent a message to President Podgorny in Moscow over Tass' telex machine pleading for the release of Jewish prisoners.

Tass employees left the office immediately the demonstrators appeared. The premises were occupied for about ten minutes before the police arrived and peacefully evicted the protesting Jews.

Mr Greville Janner, QC, MP, who participated in the demonstration, said that only in Nazi concentration camps were

Harris resigns from Cabinet

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Rabbi Cyril Harris, minister of the Kenyon Synagogue, has resigned from the Chief Rabbi's "Cabinet." He is son, director of Dr. Jakobovits' youth department.

Asked by the Jewish Chronicle about the reasons for his resignation, Rabbi Harris declined to comment. He said that he had submitted it at the beginning of July and that Chief Rabbi Jakobovits was refusing to accept it.

The Chief Rabbi told me that he was to have a meeting with Rabbi Harris about the matter. There had been no row or disagreement. "Cabinet" appointments, Dr. Jakobovits said, were for a period of two years. Rabbi Harris had served double that period and, because of many other important communal commitments was finding the burden rather excessive.

"I have asked him to carry on until a successor has been groomed. Rabbi Harris is one of our most dynamic young ministers and it is not easy to replace a man like him."

Rabbi Harris said that he would continue in the post only until a successor was found.

Egyptian sent for trial in El Al case

By a Correspondent

An Egyptian accused of attempting to obtain money from El Al, the Israeli airline, was committed for trial to Inner London Sessions from Bow Street on Thursday. He was Ahmed El Kattan, 34, a representative of South Kensington.

The charge against him alleged that between June 11 and 15 he dishonestly attempted to obtain by deception £3,000 belonging to El Al. He was committed under Section 2 of the Criminal Justice Act. Under this procedure written statements of offence were read to the court by Mr P. A. Shawdon, prosecuting solicitor.

Mr P. Galsford, for the defence, said that he was not asking for the ban on reporting restrictions to be lifted.

After hearing the statements, Mr Galsford submitted that there was no case to answer. The chairman, Group Captain Gordon Pitt, replied that the Bench had found there was a case to go before a jury and El Kattan was committed for trial. Mr Galsford said his client would be pleading not guilty.

El Kattan was allowed bail in his own recognisance of £1,000. A condition of bail was that he must report daily to West End Central police station.

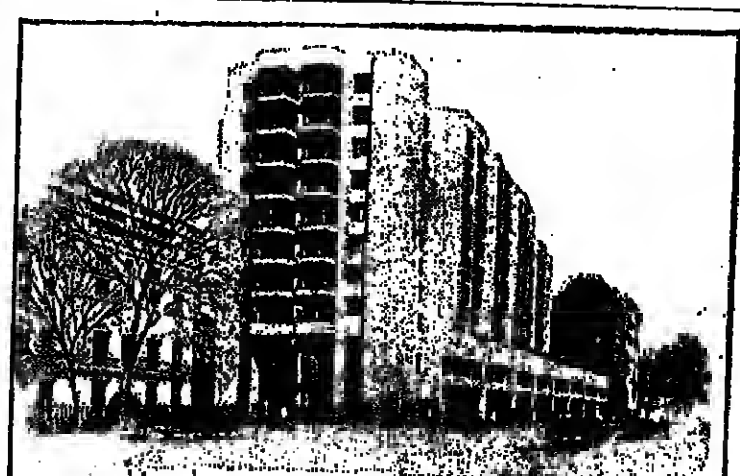
Minister sees deputation

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

A deputation of twelve Jews and Gentiles led by Mrs. Amy May, joint vice-president of the International Council of Jewish Women, went to the House of Commons on Tuesday to ask Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, the Minister of Education and Science, to intervene on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

Mrs. Thatcher told the deputation that she viewed the problem with "warm sympathy" and promised to raise the matter once again with the Foreign Secretary, Sir Alec Douglas-Home.

The deputation included two churchmen and representatives of a number of Anglo-Jewish organisations, among them the Board of Deputies, the B'nai B'rith and A.J.S.



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Beth Din under fire from US leaders

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Criticism of the Beth Din's continued opposition to a merger between the London Board for Shechita and the Kashrus Commission was voiced this week by two hon. officers of the United Synagogue, Mr George Gee and Mr Victor Lucas.

Speaking at a meeting of the commission in London Mr Lucas declared that the Beth Din's refusal to allow a merger could be taken as a slur on the Chief Rabbi. This was because the Chief Rabbi, under him, the Beth Din—as well as the Haham and the Rav Rashi—were the shechita board's ecclesiastical authorities.

"I cannot believe," he added, "that the Beth Din would not accept the Chief Rabbi's authority."

Mr Gee, a treasurer of the US, spoke of "communal wastage." He would not be a member of any body which sat on the fence, he said.

"I hope your efforts for this logical and rational move towards a merger will be pursued most vigorously," he declared. "Very few members of the commission can accept this situation. It is of national concern."

The commission's president, Mr Jack Cunniff, replied that in recent talks with the Beth Din the deputation had told him that unless they were assured their authority would remain paramount and supreme they could not consent to a merger.

Cries of "shame" greeted Mr Cunniff's assertion that, while there were few people who did not favour a merger, there was nothing the commission could do in view of the Beth Din's decision.

"The Beth Din is the commission's supreme authority. While I do not agree with its decision we are not prepared to stand up and fight against it."

Both Mr Gee and Mr Lucas objected to Mr Cunniff's contention that the majority of US hon. officers were against a merger. The matter had not even been discussed by the hon. officers, they said.

Mr Neil Levy stated that if the Commission and the Board were not prepared to do anything more regarding a merger, a third party—the United Synagogue—should be asked to approach the Beth Din.

Mr S. Klein said that he had heard that the shechita board in-

tended to proceed with the merger regardless of the Beth Din's decision. He asked whether it was not a fact that one of the reasons for the Beth Din's objection was that its nominee for *Rosh Hashochetim* (head shochet) had not been accepted by the board.

While not directly replying to this question, Mr Cunniff stated that he was willing to try again with the Beth Din.

The commission agreed to seek a meeting with the US hon. officers to ascertain their views and possibly to enlist their assistance in getting the Beth Din to change its mind.

Halacha puzzle

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Is the halacha under which Kedassia operates any different from that of the London Beth Din? This was the gist of a question asked at a meeting of the London Board for Shechita last week by its president, Mr M. W. Dorn.

He and other members of the board stated that they were puzzled by the fact that Kedassia—the kashrut licensing body of the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations—was able to sanction the sale of fresh koshered meat, while after three years of negotiations the Beth Din still refused to do so.

Mr H. M. Cansino, the board's treasurer, said that in view of Kedassia's approval it was to be hoped that the Beth Din would have a change of heart and "a little bit of sense and sanity."

The board approved the expenditure of £21,533 for the construction of a new poultry abattoir at Monier Road, E3.

280 at jubilee seminar

Jewish Chronicle Reporter



Mr Lovi Gortner

Some 280 participants, including 150 from the continent, are attending a Hebrew seminar which opened on Monday at Reading University. Most are students and teachers.

The seminar, which will last for three weeks, is the 75th to be arranged by Mr Lovi Gortner, director of the Jewish Agency's education department in London and education director of the Zionist Federation. This figure does not include the numerous weekend seminars arranged by Mr Gortner over the past years.

The 'jubilee seminar' consists of three major courses. One, for advanced students, is conducted entirely in Hebrew at university level with a team of lecturers from both Israel and Britain.

Meals centres may close

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Some of the smaller kosher-meals centres may close down because of the 12 per cent drop in children using them, Mr Eric Nebarro, chairman of the Kasher School Meals Service, warned its Council in London last week.

But he gave an assurance that the executive would not authorise any closures until next term when it would be possible to assess how many children returned to take kosher school meals.

"We must accept that our numbers will be substantially lower," he told a meeting of the council. "It is Government policy that children may take sandwiches to school and many parents would prefer this to paying the increased cost of a kosher meal, now 12p per meal."

As an economy measure, the council was negotiating to replace its two large kitchens with one central kitchen "in an area between Chalk Farm and the North Circular Road." It intended to buy a site of 5,000 sq ft.

CBF allocations

The Central British Fund for Jewish Relief and Rehabilitation has made grants totalling £51,000 to help Jews in Eastern Europe, the Middle East and North Africa, including Morocco and Tunisia.

Two allocations, totalling £22,700, have been made to provide a nursing and old-age home in Rumania and to help the blind in Israel.



Mr Silverman (left) and Mr Shuster during their visit to London

Tourists expelled for 'anti-Soviet acts'

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Two American Jewish tourists were ordered out of the Soviet Union apparently because they took an interest in their Soviet co-religionists. They told their story to the JC last week as they passed through London on their way home.

Mr Irving Silverman, a New York publisher, and Mr Leonard Shuster, a businessman from Philadelphia, were members of an

intourist party which intended to visit the "six magnificent cities"—Moscow, Tiflis, Odessa, Yalta, Kiev and Leningrad. Only two of the party of ten were non-Jews.

But Mr Silverman and Mr Shuster visited only five of the Soviet cities. Just before they were due to be taken on the last leg of their journey to Leningrad, a tourist official in Kiev read out a statement which concluded with a decision of the central committee of the Ukrainian Communist Party ordering them to leave Russia within 24 hours.

Their wives were given the option of completing the tour but they chose to accompany their husbands on their immediate flight to London.

It was on the evening of July 10 that the American party were ordered to assemble in a room on the tenth floor of their Kiev hotel where several officials and two photographers were waiting for them and the statement was read out.

Although the Americans were assured that no pictures would be taken, the photographers went to work.

The statement said officials of the synagogue in Kiev had complained to the local authorities that during a service Mr Shuster and Mr Silverman distributed

No ministerial applicants

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Jews' College has received no applications for its ministerial course for next year, the chairman, Mr Bruno Marmorstein, stated at a council meeting last week.

The new principal, Rabbi Nachum Robinovitch, is thus faced with a major challenge as he starts his task of attracting students to the college.

In view of this, Mr Marmorstein said, the college was particularly looking forward to the findings of the United Synagogue's committee of inquiry into the working conditions, status and salaries of its ministers.

In conjunction with the Jewish Agency's Torah department, Jews' College is planning to start a six-form course for girls in September at the new Sir Israel and Lady Brodie hall of residence. It will initially provide lessons for ten girls in religious and secular subjects.

The hall—in Finchley Road, Golders Green—will be officially opened in October, providing accommodation for 16 girls, including students of the college's teachers' training centre.

prayer books and other printed material "which could only be described as anti-Soviet." For this and similar "anti-Soviet acts" committed elsewhere they had to leave Russia within 24 hours.

Mr Shuster and Mr Silverman denied the charges and demanded to meet the people who were said to have lodged the complaints. But this was refused. They were allowed, however, to make statements, which were translated in part from English to Russian.

Both strongly protested against the accusation that they had gone to Russia to conduct anti-Soviet activities. Mr Silverman said that before his arrival he had actually made efforts to supply the appropriate Soviet institutions, free of charge, with some of his publications on taxation, but he had never received a reply.

Mr Shuster stated: "We were told that we had been distributing literature in the synagogues in Odessa and Yalta. This was nonsense, as there is no synagogue in Odessa and the one in Yalta was closed."

Neither Mr Shuster nor Mr Silverman had any clear idea why they were picked for deportation, although they had shown greater interest in Soviet Jews than the other members of their tour.

It may have been that, as they were due to arrive in Leningrad on the day the appeal of Java convicted in the hijacking case was due to be heard, the Soviet authorities did not wish to have inquisitive Jewish visitors in the city at that particular moment.



An elderly resident at the Jewish Home and Hospital at Tottenham is being helped to a violinist during a concert at the home. During the afternoon a service was also held to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the college's voluntary training centre.

Move to ban UK arms for Libyans

By REG ROBINSON, our Parliamentary Correspondent

Opinion is hardening in Parliament on the supply of British arms to Libya following the forcing down of a BOAC airliner and the removal of Colonel Gaddafi's son and Major Fawzi Humutalla, of the Sudan.

The Government have already been warned that any arms supplied to Libya would probably be put at the disposal of Egypt and cause greater tension with Israel.

The aircraft incident is now being used to reinforce the plea that the unstable Libyan régime should be denied arms from Britain. Libya has been particularly anxious to buy Chieftain tanks.

When Mr Joseph Godber, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, made a statement in the Commons on the abduction of the two Sudanese, Mr Philip Goodhart (Con., Beckenham) took the opportunity of referring to the presence in Britain of a Libyan arms purchasing mission.

"Many of us think it would be quite wrong to sell any arms at the moment to a Government which behaves in such an irresponsible fashion," he said.

Mr Godber replied: "A matter of this kind will certainly be affected if we do not get satisfaction on this issue."

Mixed views on EEC

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Conflicting views of the likely effect of British entry into the Common Market on her talks with Israel were expressed last week at the annual meeting of the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce in London.

Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid MP, the chairman, declared that there was no cause for panic. He admitted, however, that there was no room for complacency either.

While British membership would not reverse the present "lively" trade between the UK and Israel, it was not likely to encourage it to grow further.

Sir Henry said that the Chamber had to help Israel to get the right terms for trading with Britain once the UK joined the Market. The Community had so far been outward-looking and there was no reason to doubt that this policy would continue.

An opposite view was voiced, however, by Mr Efraim Gorman, vice-chairman of the chamber's Israel section, who told me after the meeting that Israeli businessmen would suffer severely when Britain joined the EEC.

"We only hope," he added, "that this short-term damage will be rectified in the long run by Britain's success in bringing France's anti-Israel policies."

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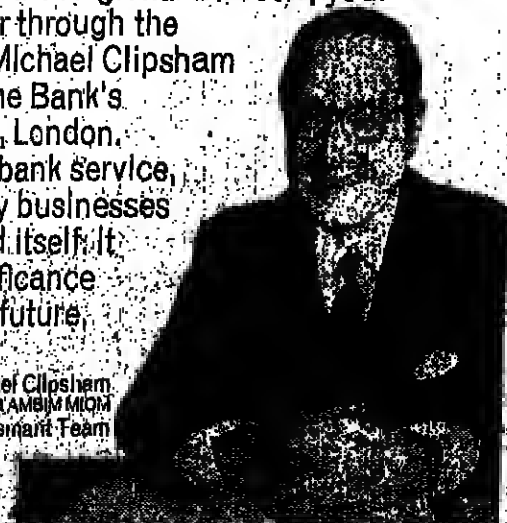
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Major synagogue plan for Leeds

From our Correspondent

A synagogue is at last "more than likely" to be built in the heavily Jewish-populated Alwoodly area of Leeds. This development follows a series of meetings between the honorary officers of the Leeds Jewish Representative Council and the presidents of every Orthodox synagogue in the city.

At stake is the future of the four and a half acres of land in Nursey Lane donated to the community by the Moor Allerton Golf Club.

German medal for woman

Mrs. Hsa Joseph, of Heswall, Wirral, received the Officers Cross of the West German Order of Merit in Liverpool last week from the German consul, Mr. Cuthrie.

The award was made in recognition of her efforts to reconcile and promote friendly relations between Jews and Germans.

Mrs. Joseph, who is 71, lost her two children in a concentration camp during the last war. She came to Germany each year to give violin recitals. In the hope, she said, that she could help people to forget the past.

Off to Israel

Twenty-four young people left Portsmouth last week for a three-week visit to Haifa, Portsmouth's twin city in Israel. They were given a civic send-off by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Councillors and Mrs. D. A. Darby.

The young people, including non-Jews, will be staying with Israeli families and will visit Jerusalem, Nazareth and Galilee. They will also be guests of the Israeli Navy.

Group leaders are Miss M. Robins, Miss V. Lubin and Mr. J. Obrat.



Mrs. Michael Fidler, wife of the president of the Board of Deputies, with pupils of the King David Primary School, Birmingham, at the school's open day and prize distribution last week.

Society head becomes principal

From our Correspondent

Rabbi Maurice Young, director of the Society for the Promotion of Jewish Learning in London, which is due to disband this month, has been appointed principal of the Jewish High School for Girls, Salford.

Liverpool-born Rabbi Young takes the place of Rabbi Gabriel Krausz who, as announced last week, has decided to remain with the Manchester Beth Din in preference to becoming principal of the school.

In a statement to the "Jc" the school announced that it had agreed to release Rabbi Krausz from his undertaking to become principal because the Beth Din wished to retain his services.

"Conscious of the necessity of putting the needs of the community before those of the

Shechita board 'incompetent'

From our Correspondent

A vote of no confidence in the Manchester Shechita Board for "incompetence and neglect" was called for by a rabbi at last week's meeting of the board.

Rabbi Abraham Jaffe alleged that a shechitah who left the board two months ago had done so because he was not satisfied with the kashrut standards and that one of the board's shechitah had advised him to go to the Manchester Hailass, "where the standard of kashrut was higher."

As tempers became heated the president, Mr. Jack Lopian, adjourned the meeting for five minutes after accusing Rabbi Jaffe of making "slandorous statements." "I expect a higher standard from a member of the Lubavitch," he declared.

When Rabbi Jaffe called for a vote of no confidence in the board Mr. Lopian pointed out that this would require 25 signatures.

Rabbi Jaffe countered that he was "only slightly short" of that figure.

£52,000 for JNF

The Liverpool JNF Commission raised a record £52,000 in the year ended June 30 last.

school," the statement added, "the governors felt they had no alternative and, with regret, have acceded to the request."

Rabbi Young, aged 35, gained semicha from Liverpool Yeshiva and is a graduate of London University.

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Duke's visit

The Duke of Edinburgh visited the Jewish Laund and Girls' Brigade stand at the award scheme exhibition in Manchester last week. He was conducted round the stand by Judy Leon, a silver award winner, and later met the brigade's award scheme officers, Marla Newman and Michele Beckman, and representative award holders, Leslie Dardick (silver) and Rosalind Cohen (bronze).

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TISHA B'AV

"For I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow." —Jeremiah 31. 12

Black fast turned white



Israelis and tourists join in mixed mourning and festivities at the Western Wall.

PROFILE

A Liberal Chasid

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cedented since the Destruction have any religious significance at all, they immeasurably transcend all the Sefirah and three-week mourning customs as well as the halachic fasts, excepting, of course, Tisha b'Av itself," they say.

It was the former Chief Rabbi of the Israel Defence Forces, Rabbi Shlomo Goren (now Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv), who first recorded the Tisha b'Av prayer of Nahem. It reads:

"Comfort O Lord... the mourners of Zion and the mourners of Jerusalem, the city that is joyful and exultant, that is no longer despoiled, no longer desolate but honoured, with her sons having returned to redeem her, as this woman who has given birth and her sons have expelled the legions and Thy people Israel have possessed her."

"Therefore let Zion pray with a voice of joy and be exultant and Jerusalem give forth a voice of thanksgiving and song. O my heart, my heart, how I grieve for the slain of the army of Israel who fell in the liberation of the city! Far from O Lord shalt consume her with fire and with fire dost build her..."

But the Chief Rabbinate has officially publicised its opposition to any changes in the liturgy or relaxation of mourning customs. Many will agree with them but many, too, will sympathise with Zuriel Adman's cry of *cohen*.

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Soldier-farmers

The Venezuelan Chief-of-Staff has been visiting Israel where he has been looking at Nahal settlements. Our Jerusalem correspondent explains what these are.

To the untrained eye, the young men and women of Nahal look just like any other serving members of the Israel Armed Forces. You need to look at their hands not their uniforms to know the difference.

They are the hands of young farmers, coarsened, scratched and as tough as a pair of teenagers' hands can be. For farmers are what they are — and soldiers, too.

Nahal, which is an abbreviation of the not-overly attractive term "pioneering fighting youth," draws off some of the best of Israel's youth, long-time members of Scout and similar type movements as well as the children of kibbutzim.

To enjoy Nahal service you also need to crave a challenge, for this is what it provides in a country where pioneering is no longer the most sought-after form of creativity.

A few months of intensive and tough basic Army training are followed by the assignment of groups of young men and women to kibbutzim where, although they continue to

live as a unit, subject to Army discipline, they work alongside the farmers in the fields and receive a grounding in the essentials of agriculture.

This on-the-job training lasts for anything up to a year. After that (except that they are still serving soldiers) they are on their own — which can mean reinforcing on already established Nahal settlements in Sinai or setting up their own in the rocky wastes of the southern Jordan valley.

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security situation allows it — have transformed their base camp into an ordinary kibbutz.

The educational value of the Nahal way-of-life has not been lost on Army chiefs seeking a way to integrate youngsters from deprived and under-privileged homes into the normal fabric of Israel.

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GEOFFREY D. PAUL



The youthful Commander of Nahal Golan, a 20-year-old Lieutenant, cares for new-born lambs by day and holds infiltrators from Syria at bay at night.

LONG ARM OF MOSCOW

Communism among Arabs

The short-lived and abortive coup by Marxist-oriented officers in Khartoum has raised again, in exacerbated form, the old problem of relations between Arab "revolutionary" regimes and Communist Parties.

Some kind of co-existence has been made desirable, if not actually dictated, by the heavy involvement with the Soviet Union and the eastern bloc but none of the regimes has yet come to terms satisfactorily with the issue which has never been far from the surface of political life.

In retrospect it seemed inevitable that it should come to a head in the Sudan, where the Communist Party has, over the years, built up a genuine strength at grass-roots level — not least because of the British authorities' enlightened encouragement of union activity and provision of relatively good education in colonial times.

From the overthrow of General Abboud in 1964 it proved impossible to exclude the Sudanese Communists from the country's political life, and they were represented in the national front governments of 1964 and 1965.

After the "Free Officers" had



General Secretary of the Sudanese Communist Party, Abdel Khad Mabjoudh (right) faces his captor, the restored President Numeiry, shortly afterwards he was executed.

seized power in 1969 President Numeiry had little choice but to give the Communists a role as a "progressive" force. The proviso was that the party should be disbanded. Following the abortive

coup, Numeiry can be seen to have failed completely in his efforts to absorb the SCP in a common front.

Such an attempt is being made by the Syrian and Iraqi regimes, although without any great success. In both countries the Communist Parties have been submitted to intermittent persecution, but the two Baath parties have felt bound to give them some political recognition.

In Syria, President Hafez Assad is more anti-Communist than the extremist ideologues he ousted from power last November. The Communists were included in his cabinet and eight were elected to the People's Council. But Communists remain excluded from the real power centre of the Baath National Command.

This is also true of Iraq, where the Baath congress late in 1968 decided on a dialogue with the Iraqi Communist Party and when President Bakr shortly afterwards appointed as Minister of Justice Aziz Shkir, who was leader of the Shu'bah Party, the CP's front organisation in existence before the overthrow of the monarchy.

Yet relations between the Baath and the CP have remained bad, at least because of differences over internal policy and the regime's rejection of a peaceful solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict (contrary to Moscow's policy). But the basic reason for the failure to bridge the gap has been the refusal of ruling clique to share power.

For more than a decade Soviet policy has been to encourage local Arab Communist Parties to settle — for the time being at least — their differences with "progressive" Arab Socialists. As a result, the voluntary dissolution of the Egyptian CP into the Socialist Union in 1965 took smoothly. There it could be said that a national front had been created.

Paradoxically the fusion has been placed the Marxist more influential position in Iraq than in Syria or Iraq, where the organised Communist Parties have been suppressed but not destroyed.

Certainly, President Sadat's struggle with All Sabry's "clique" this spring found against him some of the Marxist elements of the Egyptian Communist Party.

A reminder of continuing interest in Arab Communism came with the visit of the last week of Nicholas, Secretary-General of the party, the last on whom, it was alleged last summer, confirmed by the current Cairo of a Soviet Communist delegation and the Russian press at the persecution of Communists in Sudan.

In Jordan, King Hussein has recently years relaxed the support of the country's Communist Party in line with Moscow's reported a "peaceful settlement."

NEL PATERSON

We have been asked to point out that the last five paragraphs of the article on the Sudanese Communist Party in the July 27 issue of the Jewish Chronicle were added in the proof.

OBSCENITY

Giving evidence in the "Oz" obscenity trial Marly Feldman said that the Old Testament was "vicious and vengeful" and "more obscene" than the issue of Oz in question. We asked a leading Anglo-Jewish theologian to comment on the Jewish comedian's oblique dictum.

The story of Cain and Abel.

Pharaoh's daughter having pity on the infant Moses crying in the Nile.

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

"Thou shalt not murder."

"Thou shalt not commit adultery."

"And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not do him wrong. The stranger that sojourneth with you shall be unto you as the home-born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt."

"And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corner of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest; thou shalt leave them for the poor and the stranger: I am the Lord thy God."

"And they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-

hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

"It hath been told thee, O man, what is good, and what the Lord doth require of thee: only to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."

Why go on? These passages are just a small sample of the many which have made the Bible the most potent ethical force in human history.

These things are known to everyone except, evidently, to some Jewish comedians. Undoubtedly there are violent passages in the Bible, too. The truth is that the Bible is not a single book at all but a literature produced over many hundreds of years, reflecting a people's quest for God and the way they found Him through trial and error.

Naturally the Bible contains dark as well as light, lower as well as higher. But how is the higher to be detected? The Jewish answer is through the on-going processes of Jewish history in which the words of the Bible became fruitful in the life of a people.

In the long Jewish tradition of Biblical interpretation and application the "violent" passages became at the most a stern but purely academic warning against apostasy and brutality while the other passages became the words of the living God to be followed as life's guide.

No Jewish teacher has ever suggested, for example, that the Deuteronomic law about stoning a rebellious son to death should be carried out, or has ever ceased from affirming that we follow the Biblical teachings to be compassionate and to pursue justice and righteousness.

"Imitation of God" means for the Jewish teachers: "Just as He is compassionate he thou compassionate; just as He is merciful be thou merciful." never: "Just as He is described as 'vengeful' be thou vengeful."

It cannot be too strongly emphasized that the Torah is not the Bible. It is the Bible as interpreted by the sages and teachers of Israel. There is an Oral as well as a Written Torah.

The old rule has it that a scribe of the Torah must not be bled "naked." God save us from those who, non-Jewishly, suppose that the bare text of the Bible is Israel's help and inspiration.

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The roots of Nazism

ERNEST HEARST

THE GERMAN DICTATORSHIP. By Karl Dietrich Bracher. Weldon and Nicolson. £8.

For the over forty-five rise of Hitler and the almost irresistible advance of his tyranny remains an unhealed wound in their consciousness. How could it happen? Can it happen again? These questions obsess, guide and possibly misguide their thinking.

The quest to explain the inexplicable has produced a number of theories which, taking a total view of history like the Nazi phenomenon itself, offer all-embracing answers. To the Marxist, Nazism merely represents the last-ditch defence of moribund capitalism; to the Conservative it represents the congenital evil of the "German national character"; while others regard it as a manifestation of our dehumanised, industrial society.

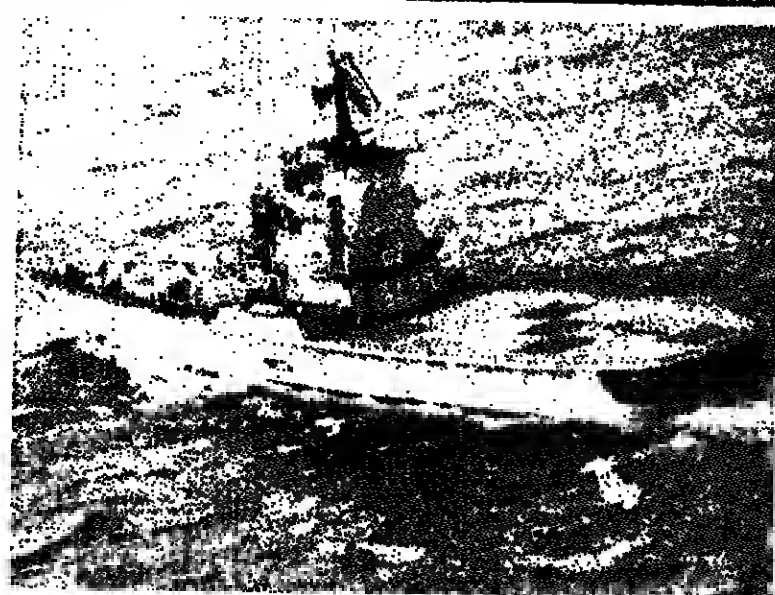
It is the convincingly argued contention of Professor Bracher that none of these explanations is in itself more than a facet of a truth compounded of all of them, as well as other political and personal complexities. The advent of Hitler was neither preordained by the logic of history nor implicit in the peculiarities of the German mind.

Admittedly a deep-rooted German attachment to autocratic rule, to the Obrigkeitstheorie, of which Thomas Mann could still say in 1918: "It is and will remain the form of government suited to, deserved, and basically liked by the German people," eased the Führer's way to power. And so did antisemitism, "the core, probably the only genuine fanatical held and realised conviction of his entire life."

Professor Bracher devotes two chapters to it, one tracing its political origins back to the part it played in the German and Austrian Empires and one dealing with the Holocaust, which was silently prefigured in the intentions of its nineteenth-century precursors.

It involved, as the author proves, not only the SS executioners, but also the army, civil service, foreign ministry, etc., in short, the entire administrative establishment.

The concluding chapters assess the chances of a Nazi revival in post-war Germany. The rise of the NPD is viewed with concern, and its recent electoral decline, given the continuing popularity of inflammatory Right-wing papers and literature, is not regarded as final. The alliance between a completely immoral nationalism and his countrymen's predilection for authoritarian government still threatens, in Professor Bracher's view, the first plant of German democracy.



The Soviet helicopter over Moscow which spends much of its time in the Mediterranean. From "Russia Looks in the Sea," a study of the expansion of Soviet maritime power by David Fairhall, to be published by Andre Deutsch (£3.95) on August 19.

In the theatre

CHARLES LANDSTONE

KAFKA AND THE YIDDISH THEATRE. By Evelyn Torton Beck. University of Wisconsin Press. \$12.50.
THE DRAMATIC WORLD OF HAROLD PINTER. By Katherine H. Burkman. Ohio State University Press. \$8.

One of the earliest of detective novels, written in Victorian days, was "The Moonstone," and the popularity of this tale by Wilkie Collins persisted for well over half a century after it first appeared. In this book, as I remember, was a comedy butler whose bible was "Robinson Crusoe," and whatever happened he would always find a passage in his favourite work which had foretold the event which had just taken place.

I am reminded of this character by the efforts of Evelyn Torton Beck to prove the impact of the Yiddish Theatre on the work of Franz Kafka. The most trivial incidents and sentences are highlighted and portentous comparisons are drawn with contemporary Yiddish Theatre plays in order to demonstrate their effect on Kafka's writings. The main weight is placed on the accepted fact that for about 18 months before Kafka's breakthrough as a writer in 1912 (at the

age of 28) he was a frequent visitor to the Yiddish Theatre in Prague, although his upbringing, in accordance with the times, had been that of a non-Orthodox Central European, who was more German than Jewish.

Miss Beck goes to great length to try to trace the Yiddish Theatre influence on Kafka's story "The Judgement" (in which, incidentally, the word Jew is never mentioned), but the evidence to my mind is most fragile and the theory is far fetched. This work is a lavishly printed example of indiscriminate American scholastic patronage.

Another such example is the Pinter work. Much as I admire Harold Pinter (and I do admire him sincerely) I feel that it is far too early in his career to submit his work to a detailed scholastic analysis. No doubt both these books started life as university theses—such they should have remained.

MISCELLANY

Judaism and the Early Christian Church. By Robert L. Wilken. Yale University Press. £3.95. An analysis of the polemical writings of Cyril, patriarch of Alexandria, who lived in the fifth century and fought a running theological battle against Judaism. The author's thesis is that much of early Christian thought was shaped by the need to refute the Jews and to combat Judaism within the church.

How to Live in the Present Time. By Haim Kamehion (W. H. Allen). £2.25. A modern guide to those perplexed by the complexities of twentieth-century existence. An American rabbi reaffirms his faith in the love of God and the goodness of man.

Two faces

ANNE FRANKEL

THE DUAL IMAGE: A Study of the Jew in English Literature. By Harold Fisch. World Jewish Library. £2 (hard covers); 80p (paperback).

The dual image of the title refers to two opposing conceptions of the Jew that have figured in English literature from the Middle Ages until the present day. The Jew has been seen both as the embodiment of the devil (and made a grotesque figure as a consequence), and as a saint or hero, nobly carrying the burden of his suffering and exile.

The most commanding image of the Jew is, of course, the negative one. When we think of the Jew in English literature we think of Shylock, of the greedy Jew of Marlowe's play, of Fagin in "Oliver Twist."

Professor Fisch notes that the more positive aspect of the Jew has become increasingly prominent. The Romantic poets found in the isolated figure of the suffering Jew a suitable symbol for their own feelings of alienation, and so it has been till the present day when the Jew ironically has become "everyman" with alienation becoming such a widespread phenomenon.

Samuel Minksky Memorial Volume: Studies in Jewish Law, Philosophy and Literature, edited by Gordon Apple (Ktav, New York). \$12.50. Contributors include Norman Lamm, Mordecai Epstein and William Brinner, and the subjects range from "Judaism and the Jewish People" to "Reflections on the Rebuilding of the Temple." Each essay appears in Hebrew and English.

Recent Mayflower paperbackbacks include Tim Smit's "The Complete Tree" (7s. 6d.); Sam Illegu's "A Picture of the World" (9s. 6d.); and "The Story of the Spanish Civil War," by Stephen D. Frances (5s.).

Six Sundays in January, by Arnold Wesker (Cape, £1.05). A collection of Wesker's short stories and plays and pieces written for radio.

ENTERTAINMENTS—continued from previous page

Revolts—hard & soft

DAVID NATHAN

The surface slogan of Maxim Gurky's *Enemies*, given a meticulous production by the Royal Shakespeare Company at the Aldwych Theatre, could be "Long Live the Revolution!" The ironic sub-text, unknown to Gurky, unperceived by the Russian authorities for whom the play is now an established classic, is "Long Live the Secret Police!"

For this is an account of the events leading to the Russian revolution, an impassioned eloquent denunciation of the exploitation of the workers and the feudal superiority-complex of the masters supported in their privileges by Tsarist instruments of oppression, not least of which is the secret police.

Writing in 1908, Gurky did not have access to the truth that, whatever the régime, no secret policeman is ever unemployed for long.

The play is undoubtedly a work of propaganda but Gurky was too good a writer, the Royal Shakespeare players too proud a company and David Jones too perceptive a director to leave it at that.

It is, as Wellington said in a different context, a damn close-run thing, but whenever the workers threaten to get too noble, a trace of doubt creeps in, and the horses who, on the whole, deserve every bullet they get, are human enough for their dilemma to be of some concern.

With the exception of the factory owner who gets shot in the course of the play, they are seen more as victims than villains of the system they have inherited.

Very fine performances come from John Wool as an alcoholic member of the gentry who foresees the collapse of the old order; from Sara Kestelman as the vengefully implacable widow of the shot man; from Philip Locke distraught and panicky as he reneges on his liberal principles; from Helen Mirren as a laugherous actress and Mary Rutherford as a girl impassioned by the workers' cause.

An altogether softer side of revolution is displayed in the Chichester Festival Theatre's revival of Robert E. Sherwood's 1930 play *Reynold in Vienna*.

Here a deposed and exiled Hapsburg Archduke returns to Vienna to attempt to resume a relationship with his former mistress, now happily married to an

Irish, now happily married to an eminent psychiatrist. He is supposed to be a modish attractive, and Nigel Patrick does his best. But for an object of admiration he has the manners of an alligator and the morals of an alley-cat.

Margaret Leighton charges her role as the object of his fancy with fragility and sad reminders of past romance, and Michael Aldridge, as the husband, is notable as the only man in the play who has any rest and innate dignity.

Spawning ground for the most potentially violent revolution of all is powerfully depicted in *Barrabas* and *Lea* at the Royal Court's Theatre Upstairs. The play, written and directed by South African, Athol Fugard, is the only contemporary work of genius to be seen in the London theatre.

Haired

Boesman and Lena are two "Coloureds" who scuffle for existence on rubbish dumps, the white man a distant, unseen creator of their misery. An encounter with a blacker man further down the social scale enables Boesman to treat him with the hatred and violence he himself has suffered.

It is a superb demonstration of the South African sickness, of the fact that persecution breeds degradation and more persecution in a nightmarish peeking order which permeates an apartheid-based society from top to bottom. It was —is—a factor not unknown in the concentration camps of Europe.

The acting, by Zakes Mole, Yvonne Bryceland and Blake Mouton, fulfils the writing and there could be no higher praise. At the fortune theatre, *Laok*, No Hands, by Lesley Storm, is an insubstantial comedy saved by the presence of Harry Towse as a Jewish film producer.

The part is not without its clichés but Harry Towse with many on my great! is a picture of desperately comic resignation as he sees his contracted star get involved in a child molestation case.

As the star (Ed Bishop) is the former lover of the girl's mother (Janet Munroe) and a friend of her father's (Gerald Flood) and had no intention of molesting the child, it is a lot of trivial fuss about a non-event.

THE WILSON MEMOIRS

Six-Day War 'caused' UK devaluation

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

America urged Britain to take the lead in diplomatically manoeuvring to avoid a Middle East war in 1967, according to Mr. Harold Wilson, Prime Minister at the time. In his book, "The Government 1964-1970—A Personal Record," published by the Penguin Press, Mr. Wilson indicates that the then President Johnson had been concerned about unfavourable public opinion in America and

had to get more deeply involved in the conflict. During his visit to Washington in 1967, Mr. Wilson found that Johnson's own domestic reasons, as well as the lead and support for proposals by the International Association for the Gulf of Arabia and the Straits of Tiran, were the main factors in the decision to take this line because he did not want to let the USA public opinion

know that the British had no reason to do so either. He pointed out that, while Britain, the USA and the Soviet Union "had created the State of Israel," France had merely "accepted it."

World war fear

At that time Mr. Wilson found de Gaulle "more depressed than I had ever seen him. He believed that we were nearing a world crisis, that war—world war—could be very near."

In de Gaulle's view, "no one was really in charge of the situation any longer, nor would it be possible until the lessons of the disastrous conflict between Israel and the Arabs had really sunk in."

Mr. Wilson suggested that "a more positive view would be to work for a solution whereby all Arab States would recognise Israel's right to exist and her right



Mr Wilson and his then Foreign Secretary, Mr George Brown (left) with the late Mr Levi Eshkol (centre) during the Israeli Premier's visit to London in January, 1968

to enjoy freedom of navigation through the Straits of Tiran—and also through the Canal—while at the same time the Arabs would receive satisfaction of their claims as regards the settlement of refugees." De Gaulle replied that "this may be so, but any such settlement lies a long way ahead."

East crisis as "the biggest contributing factor" in the devaluation of the pound in November, 1967. The closure of the Suez Canal was costing Britain £20 million a month on its balance of payments, and "no less serious was the loss of Middle East oil."

Vulnerable position

From a strong and improving balance-of-payments position before the Six-Day War, Britain returned by the autumn to a vulnerable position. "Without the impact and continuing effects of the Middle East crisis, we could have weathered these [domestic] disturbances without a grave deterioration in confidence in the pound."

Turning to more recent events, Mr. Wilson indicated that, following publication of the Rogers' peace plan in late 1969, the British and Israeli Governments held a similar attitude to rejecting concessions to the Arabs before meaningful peace negotiations began.

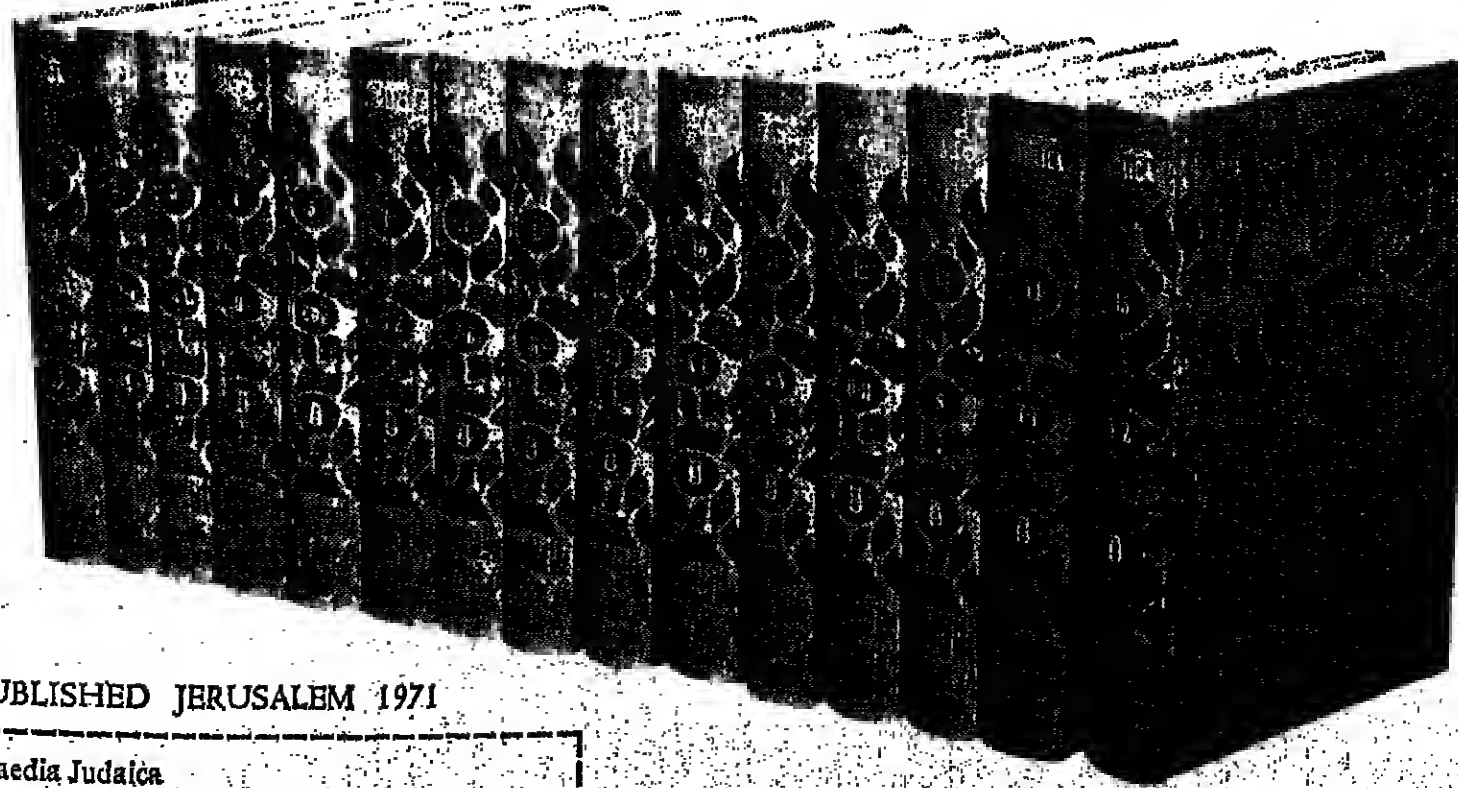
Of his meeting with President Nixon in January, 1970, Mr. Wilson dismissed the notion that he was "conceding points to the Arabs. Were we to do so, the Arabs and the Soviet friends would simply pocket any concessions which they were offered and, accordingly, raise the starting bid in the negotiations when the final crunch came."

Two notable omissions in Mr. Wilson's almost diary-like recollections of his term as Prime Minister were references to the United Nations Security Council resolution of November, 1967, and to the protracted negotiations regarding sales of Chieftain tanks to Israel.

The book throws no further light on the authorship of the UN resolution which has recently become a centre of controversial statements by British and American diplomats. On the tank deal, Mr. Wilson mentions only that he had talks about it with Mr. Yigal Allon, Israel's deputy Prime Minister, and that the subject took up "a great deal of my time and that of the Cabinet defence committee."

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woman's page

PARIS—a richer mixture

SADIE LEVINE

It should be reassuring that Paris Couture is still clinging to the past and that fashion is an art as well as a trade.

Though our priorities may preclude the outlay of £500 for a Dior suit, spotting the trend even at C & A can be a morale-boosting shopping exercise.

For Paris still leads, even though in many cases the British wholesalers got there first. Paris would seem to put the seal of approval and worthiness on trends the smaller fry think up.

At the autumn collections there this week there was of course often the sense of déjà vu.

Some of the things had been seen at the autumn London shows months ago. Dior's tent coat. Elgee, of London, showed it at the Association of London

Fashion Designers' autumn shows in May.

Some of the things had not been seen for about 20 years. Rustling taffetas and wedding-cake drapes, all flares and frills.

There were other trends we had despaired of ever seeing again. Stockings, for example. Anyone who dreaded for personal reasons the final demise of the stocking in favour of pantyhose will be pleased.

Yves St. Laurent brought back the stocking... with seams, to boot! A physical exercise teacher once told me that scamed stockings were the great waist-whittlers of the '30s. Looking back over your shoulder to see that the seams are straight is an important movement in the exercise chart, isn't it? So roll on, St. Laurent stockings!

Another bonus that might come from the collections is that we will bear to look at old telly films without squirming. Padded shoulders, gored skirts, berets on page-boy hair-dos, wide shirt revers, soulful make-up, leg-of-lamb sleeves are all in the Paris trends.

And velvet suits for evenings. Remember the velvet "theatre-suits"? St. Laurent's cocktail suits were quite different,

though. The velvet jackets were worn over tartan pleated skirts (for la Highland Fling?).

Marc Bohan, designer for the Christian Dior collection, was, by his own declaration, bent on clothes that were to be classics of their time: "An elegant fashion," he says, "renewing the values and importance of haute couture by combining up-to-date-ness and refinement." Which is possibly a clumsy expression of some of the most exquisite clothes of the Paris scene: black velvet evening pants suits, tailored tweed coats narrow at top and grading out in a gentle flare to hem.

Dior's use of fur was spectacular. Wolf, leopard, tiger to line gaberdine trench coats, to wear as redingotes, and mixed occasionally with Persian lamb capes on top.

No need to worry about length, if you take Paris as your mentor. It's the mixture as before, if a bit richer. Most designers favoured the knee, just hiding the joint, and others, like Louis Feraud, made his skirts thigh-high so that they looked like hot-pants without the gussets and were worn with boots which appeared to be made of plastic and knitting.



Sketches by Beryl Hazland



Above: St. Laurent's smock with draped skirt (left) and his twin wedding-cake dress, tiered and frilled

Left: Dior's black tent coat, revealing to corset to match accompanying dress

COOKERY

Summer soup

EVELYN ROSE

Cold soups are new on the English menu. But to our grandparents, they were part of the summer scene—chilled borscht, enriched with the smetana so carefully skimmed from the soured milk, or schvitz, with its bitter-sweet flavour. Schvitz is very hard to find in this country. We used to pick it before the war where now an estate of "semitic" stands. But borscht is plentiful supply.

CHILLED BORSCHT

When beets are in season it's worth doubling up on the quantities I give and freezing half; put the unthickened strained juice into plastic containers (leaving 1-inch headroom for expansion) and freeze. Then it can be made either into meaty borscht (by adding a bouillon cube) or simply enriched with eggs, and served hot with boiled potatoes or cold with soured cream.

Ingredients:

1 small carrot; 1 small onion; 2 bunches of young beets or 2 lb. raw old beets; 1 quart water; flavouring juice of a large lemon or 1 level teaspoon citric acid crystals (sour salt); 2 level tablespoons caster sugar; 2 level teaspoons salt; speck of white pepper;

2 whole eggs; 1 carton of soured cream.

Method:

Scrape the skin off new beets or peel old ones. Peel the onion and carrots. Without a blender, grate all the vegetables coarsely. With a blender, half fill the goblet with the roughly cut-up vegetables, fill until 2 full with the measured water, and blend for 15 seconds or until a coarse mush. Repeat with all the liquid vegetables and the water or the blended mixture into a soup pan. Add the salt and the sugar and bring slowly to the boil. Cover and simmer for 45 minutes. Pour the contents of the pan through a coarse sieve into a bowl. Discard the vegetables. Return the liquid to the pan, and reheat gently. In a bowl beat together the eggs and the lemon juice or sour salt. Be sure the eggs are thoroughly blended to avoid specks of white. Add a little of the hot soup, whisking well. Then add another. Finally return this mixture to the pan. Reheat gently until steaming, but not boiling, by which time the soup will have thickened. Allow to cool then chill in the refrigerator overnight. Serve in soup cups, topped with a dollop of soured cream. Makes 4-6 generous servings.

A new charity

"To belong to a charity committee which is well established presents no difficulties, but to try to form one's own committee with a nucleus of two friends, no publicity, or outside help..."

Mrs. Marian Buena de Mesquita was telling me about her new project to help epileptics. It is the Mayday Appeal Committee which has been set up in order to raise money for the National Society for Epileptics. The committee was formed last March, since when money was raised at a Wine and Cheese Party for equipment at the Chalfont Centre for epileptics in Bucks. This charitable organisation, Mrs. de Mesquita tells me, provides a home for about 600 afflicted people and relies mainly on voluntary contributions.

Mayday's next fund-raising event is a Barbecue/Fête on August 8 at 28 Hoop Lane, N.W.11. For this they want gifts (phone 465 7132) but they are also looking for new members, suggestions and help in organising other functions throughout the year.

In the same recipe last week, there should have been 1 carton natural yoghurt in the ingredients.

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BY DAVID PELA

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But above all the ability to sit about in the spacious cabin up the circular staircases to first-class lounge makes a difference to the comfort of the flight. In fact I found this extraordinary method of sitting without sitting cramped and comfortable for seven or eight hours at least 24 hours after a transatlantic flight.

France's Festival of the Air, which includes the showing of a recent film and the selection of several channels of different types of music.

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"The New York terminal of Air France is not yet equipped for Jumbos, but in spite of this baggage delivery was extremely continued on next page, column 2

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EXTRACTS FROM
THE CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

*Trading at both Curzon House Club and Palm Beach Casino Club has been at an improved level during the year and active membership of both clubs is steadily increasing.

*During the year operations have been put in hand for the re-opening of Crockfords Club and the former Colony Club premises in Berkeley Square—now renamed the International Sporting Club.

*The Group is now in a position to offer an unrivalled combination of gaming facilities in the West End of London.

*The substantial part of the revenue of Curzon House Club and Palm Beach Casino Club is in foreign currency.

Chairman's Additional Remarks
At the Annual General Meeting on July 29th 1971, Mr. Barnett went on to tell the meeting that "the International Sporting Club will be opening on August 10th, and that a great deal of interest has already been shown. As far as Crockfords was concerned, it is expected that this Club will be opening in the late Spring of next year".

	1971 (for year ended March 31st)	1970 (for 18 months ended March 31st)
Group turnover	2,778,015	2,275,417
Profit before taxation	865,837	420,921
Net profit attributable to the group after taxation and minority interests	343,831	169,927
Dividends paid and proposed	104,000 4p per share	101,400 3.9p per share



Curzon House Club Palm Beach Casino Club International Sporting Club

CURZON GROUP

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Report and Accounts 1971

In his annual statement circulated to shareholders, the Chairman, Mr. L. E. Manoussos, reported:

- * Annual Revenue increased to £479,555 compared to £399,133.
- * Net Profit after Tax and minority interests increased to £104,999 compared to £91,310.
- * Dividend raised from 7% to 8%.
- * Book value of portfolio now £5,968,756.
- * Cost of projects in hand about £4,750,000 and increasing profits anticipated.

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A STATEMENT ON THE FINANCIAL PAGE of the JEWISH CHRONICLE

will enable Company Chairman to reach Shareholders and Potential Investors

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Firm undertone after economy boost

By our City Editor

tes fully justify their position as the world's largest property company with best-ever profits and dividend.

Gross rental income increased to

The Chancellor's new line of thought on the economy has hardly brought the foreshadowed upsurge in share prices. But there is little doubt that the market's undulations are firm and prices are hiding their time before advancing once more.

There are various reasons for belying this, not the least being the steady inflow of capital from the small investors.

In the present situation much attention has been focused on companies likely to benefit from the new economic package, and for that reason shares in the financial sector and consumer durables have been attracted to both the small and large investors.

The financial sector received a purely coincidental booster with the latest round of figures from the "Big Four" banks that again underline their strengths.

Lloyds reported splendid half-year figures showing profits £4.48 million higher at £28.64 million including a £1.2 million share of profits from the newly merged Bank of London & South America.

For shareholders, disparity reasons and not the fine results bring a one point rise to 7 per cent in the interim dividend and a word from the board that this payment does not necessarily indicate an increase on last year's 14 per cent total.

This does not, however, detract from the merits of Lloyds shares which, at the current level of 815p, look a very interesting holding.

Higher profits
News from the Midland Bank is also of higher profits. Compared with the corresponding half-year's £20.5 million, Midland's profits expanded to £21.47 million and the interim dividend is being increased from 7 to 7½ per cent.

Midland's directors attribute the improvement to a "further expansion of business and continued efforts to increase earnings and contain costs."

The latest figures indicate that this policy is working and therefore there seems no reason why Midland shares, now at 555p, should not merit a better rating in the market.

Before taxation NatWest's profits jumped to £38.12 million from £33.76 million and the interim dividend is a point higher at 6½ per cent. The performance reflects the growth in resources and the volume of business which the bank has more than offset the effects of a lower than average bank rate and higher operating expenses.

It is stressed, however, that the final outcome may to some extent be affected by the Bank of England's proposed compulsion and credit control. At this stage it is difficult to assess the effect of these proposals until some experience of their operation is gained.

The bank's activities are also reflected in this showing and it speaks well for the shares. Current price is 815p.

In the consumer market Thorn Electrical revealed a "very satisfactory year" in which profits soared to a new all-time high.

On turnover of £843 million against £804 million Thorn's profits grew by a superb 28.04 million to £27.21 million and the directors look to the future for continued growth. Meanwhile, the dividend is raised 24 points to 24 per cent with a 15 per cent final.

Thorn expect the build-up of colour television to begin to show in 1971/72 profits supported by the solid base of consumer and capital goods.

Again the results endorse the strength of Thorn shares which stand at 407½p to yield 1.5 per cent.

Sir Harold Samuel's Land Secor.

£33.20 million from £31.85 million and profits improved to £38.85 million from £34.77 million—a far cry from the estimated £28.8 million. The dividend is up to 8½ per cent with the 6½ per cent final which is also better than forecast.

Land Securities also reveal that Knight Frank and Rutley's preliminary valuation gives a £177.18 million surplus at £593.78 million over book values.

The company's standing in property circles is second to none and there still appears room for improvement in the shares. Current price is 187p.

[Prices quoted are those prevailing on Wednesday.]

Lindsay Parkinson

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A material improvement in the volume of Building contracts obtained, anticipated growth in Overseas work and other Departments, will offset any fall in Civil Engineering turnover that may arise on completion of major contracts this year. Work in hand approaches £70m—£20m more than last year.

Despite continuing pressure of increasing costs in relation to fixed price contracts during a period of rapid inflation, the Board has every confidence in the ability of the company to meet the challenge and trust that the results of the current year will again give satisfaction.

After 56 years' service—the last 28 as Chairman of the Company—Mr. A. E. Parkinson hands over this year to Mr. F. V. Osborne, with Mr. A. W. Robinson as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Parkinson has accepted an invitation to become the first President of the Company.

Year ended 31st October	1967	1968	1969	1970
Profit before Tax	£853,984	£975,383	£923,274	£926,914
Taxation	£394,079	£402,737	£440,000	£378,731
Net Profit	£459,905	£572,646	£483,274	£548,183
Dividends on Ordinary Stock (Gross)	£191,884	£197,654	£203,843	£216,822
Capital and Reserves	£4,017,970	£4,326,098	£4,654,099	£5,276,800

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The following are salient points from the circulated statement of Mr. P. L. Eynon, F.C.A. (Chairman):

- * Net profit after tax up by 25% to £365,173.
- * Total dividend for 1970 14% (12-65%).
- * Shopping centre at Merthyr Tydfil opened in September and developments continue to make progress including new continental projects.
- * Office lease bought in at Wingate House, building to be let after modernisation.
- * 1971 results will approximate to 1970. Together with the reversions and income from current developments, the future programme will assure growth through the 1970s.

Copies of the Report and Accounts can be obtained from the Secretary, 38 Curzon Street, London, W.1.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

British and Commonwealth Shipping Company, told shareholders at the annual meeting that he did not expect any significant difference in profit from the figure achieved in 1970. Sir Nicholas added that it would not have escaped notice that the level of freight rates in the tramp market continues to fall, and he felt justified in making his comments more reserved than a month earlier.

The Distillers Company is raising £40 million on the stock market. Robert Fleming have arranged the placing of 10½ per cent unsecured loan stock 100s. 8d at £100 payable as to £25 on acceptance, £40 on September 17 and £35 on January 14, 1972.

Another good showing is revealed by London and Midland Industrials where dividend total is lifted 25 points to 20 per cent. The final is 13½ on profits £10,000 higher at £26,000—a result which would have been even better except for an interruption in production caused by the Ford strike.

However, the steady progress has continued into the present year and after the first three months the board confidently expect a further increase in annual profits. Long term prospects remain encouraging a fact reflected in the plans to raise a further £1 million long-term capital by the issue of a convertible unsecured loan stock.

Sir Nicholas Payer, chairman of

Bernard Walsh, chairman of Walsh's Restaurants, tells shareholders in his annual statement business continues to keep up and he sees no reason why results for the current half should not be as good as for the corresponding period.

Anglo Properties record an increased pre-tax profit from £625,000 to £650,000 in the six months to 30, 1971, and the interim dividend is 8 per cent against 5½ per cent in 1970. Previous year profits rose to £371,000 from £320,116.

In Farmer, chairman of Perkins, says the current year started well for the group and he gives shareholders a picture of the situation at Friday's annual meeting. Year profits rose to £371,000 from £310,000.

Long allowances

John Anzani revealed at the meeting that the company's long industrial building allowances now been agreed by the Revenue. The effect will be to make available some £300,000 of allowances for the years 1967/71.

Baron Securities disclose a surge in half year profits. £20,000 profits have come up to £40,000 and the interim dividend is effectively lifted from 7.27 per cent. The continuing rise is attributed to the general rise of the business and the long demand for the group's services.

John Stratton, chairman of C. is satisfied that the group's ability and facility to obtain a greater share of the home market, in which it is already a force, and also to enlarge export trade. F.M.C.s main assets have shown their confidence in the future of the group offering their support for a five years and at the same time substantially increasing the available secured by the of a debenture.

Field Mills remain content that current-year profits will be about last year's level. Eight months profits were down to £77,000, but against the 1970 dividend of 8 per cent the 1971 dividend is 10 per cent. A 20 per cent total compared to a single 8 per cent payment last year.

The initiative of Rio Tinto Corporation, a group of the leading mining companies, to set up an independent committee to investigate the facts, and issues involved in the work in South Africa under the leadership of Lord Zuckerman will report next spring.

EXTRACTS FROM THE
ANNUAL REPORT 1971

Once again record
profits were achieved
despite difficult
trading conditions

Mr. H. Krautman
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Sir John E. Cohen
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Year	Turnover before Tax	Turnover after Tax	Dividends	Share price	Earnings per share	Gross Profit
£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	pence	pence	£000's
1967	110,000	9,850	1,961	0.57	1.74	6,348
1968	188,223	8,318	4,597	2.01	0.80	4,343
1969	181,406	10,207	5,331	2.30	0.80	4,714
1970	288,487	18,808	8,057	3.71	1.37	8,301
1971	289,988	18,808	8,768	3.98	1.60	8,085

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The following are extracts from the Statement of the Chairman and Managing Director, Mr. G. T. Whyte, for the year ended 31st March, 1971.

PROFITS AND DIVIDEND INCREASED

The net pre-tax group profit has increased from £2,154,000 in £3,374,000 while net after tax earnings per share have risen from 38.3% (9.58p per share) to 53.8% (13.45p per share) an increase of 40%.

The Directors recommend a final dividend of 21% making a total of 33% for the year 1971. Despite the challenges of the past year we have succeeded in maintaining the overall growth of the Group. In particular, we have made two excellent additions in our Group, the Resolute Insurance companies and the Metal Scrap & By-Products group of companies.

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STRENGTHENED POSITION FOR THE FUTURE

Looking at the Group now, I see it at the end of the year in a very much stronger position than it was in at the beginning. Its strength arises not merely from the very valuable and significant acquisitions made but also from underlying factors which are less easy to see. We know that areas which have not shown any improvement in profit during this year have, in fact, now been consolidated and are poised for future growth.

THE CURRENT YEAR

I shall be very disappointed if at this time next year I am not reviewing yet one more year in which profits and earnings per share have satisfactorily increased.

SEVEN YEAR RECORD

(figures adjusted for capitalisation issues and changes in the basis of valuation)

Year ended 31st March	Group profits before taxation	Earnings per share	Gross dividend paid per share
£000's	pence	pence	pence
1965	47	0.70	0.36
1966	168	1.66	1.13
1967	221	2.18	1.13
1968	344	3.09	2.00
1969	1,296	6.76	2.07
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Mrs Meir castigates social evils

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

"No one is entitled to deny that poverty exists in Israel. We must not put up with this situation. We would be false to ourselves if we became accustomed to it and regarded it with complacency," Mrs. Golda Meir, the Israeli Premier said in the Knesset on Wednesday. But, she continued in the course of a lengthy statement on Israel's social and economic problems, it would be a gross distortion of the truth to allege that the State's initiative in dealing with the problems of the underprivileged resulted from the vocal demonstrations which had recently taken place.

It was "the supreme effort of the people and Government of Israel" which had achieved "progress in housing, education and the health services," Mrs. Meir stated. This progress had been maintained even though Israel had "never had one day free from anxiety over her security and survival."

Moreover, everything had been done "in the midst of actual warfare and periods of incidents and terror between wars."

Mrs. Meir then looked at the other side of the picture. While there was poverty in Israel, there was also wealth. Some people were living above the standards the country could afford, she declared.

"I am not preaching a return to the atmosphere of days gone by and past concepts of dress and entertainment, but I must warn against the gap between a life style imported from abroad which is taking root in Israel, and our real national economic capacity. This is a dangerous and ominous gap."

There were people by no means at the bottom of the economic ladder whose use of the state's resources to improve their situation could paralyze the country's most

vital services and spread depression among the public.

Calling for "self-restraint on the part of all of us—first and foremost those of us who stand on the highest rungs of the salary ladder," Mrs. Meir said that without it the Government could not, "no if with a magic wand," meet all demands, eradicate poverty, nor impose taxes, win wars, absorb immigration and develop the economy.

Fuel oil prices increased

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Israelis, already short of money, were dealt another blow by the Finance Ministry on Monday, when all fuel oil prices were increased. Petrol went up by 10 per cent and paraffin (kerosene) by no less than 140 per cent.

The best petrol Israel can offer, 94-octane, now costs 374p. per gallon.

Finance Ministry officials insist that what they have done is to bring Israel's fuel prices into line with world prices. The increase should not be regarded as new taxes, they say.

But, new taxes or not, the increased fuel oil prices have already pushed up other prices.

Belgium gives support to Vatican

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Mr. Pierre Hornet, the Belgian Foreign Minister, arrived in Israel for a three-day visit on Monday evening and had his first talks on Tuesday morning with his Israeli counterpart, Mr. Abba Eban. The two Ministers had a general discussion on the Middle East and related problems.

Mr. Hornet's interest seems to lie much more in Jerusalem and the Arab refugees than in an interim Suez Canal settlement. He had a meeting with King Hussein last week and the Jordanian monarch is understood to have pressed the issue of Jerusalem's future as the key to a settlement with Israel.

Belgium's Roman Catholic Government is believed to share the Vatican's view that Israel should not be left in overall control of the Holy City.

Our Paris correspondent reports: Western diplomatic sources in the French capital say that Jordan has discreetly circulated a "working paper" outlining her charges against Israel concerning Jerusalem.

It is believed that the paper contains the elements of a possible Security Council resolution strongly condemning Israel. (Jordan is expected to lodge a complaint with the Security Council about what she terms Israel's "Judaization" of Jerusalem.)

The sources said that the Americans are secretly discussing with the Jordanians a more actively worded resolution.

Mapam envoy holds talks with Chinese

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

An Israeli journalist who is regarded as the Mapam representative in Paris, Mr. Eli Ben-Gal, has admitted establishing "personal" contact with members of the Chinese Embassy staff here, though the Embassy has denied this.

Mr. Ben-Gal, the Paris correspondent of New Outlook, said that he had had a "friendly" contact with junior Embassy officials in 1969. He continued: "Last Saturday I met Chinese Embassy officials of the same rank without any commitment on either side and on a purely private basis."

"We discussed world developments, including the Middle East. Since I have a high personal regard for the achievements of Chinese Communism, my hosts conducted the conversation as Chinese Communists, not as members of the Embassy."

The Israeli journalist said that he tried to clear up what he described as a "China" "misunderstanding" of Israel. Israel's struggle for her own national liberation was not in contradiction to the Palestinians' own fight, Mr. Ben-Gal said.

A Chinese Embassy spokesman said that the report was "pure fabrication." He added: "There has been no contact with any representative of our country."

Our Jerusalem Correspondent enables: Official sources here have been

at pains to make clear Ben-Gal's talks in the Chinese Embassy officials. Initiated by the Israeli Government and were not on its behalf. At the same time, a Ministry spokesman denied that any meeting was made in the talks between Mr. Meir, the Israeli Premier, George Macoveren, the Deputy Foreign Minister, on a three day visit.

Sculptor

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Museum curators and artists from many parts of the world are expected to be here on Tuesday to mark the birthday of Jacques Lipchitz.

CALENDAR

Friday, July 30 (Av 1), Jewish 8.

Saturday, July 31 (Av 2), Jewish 9. The last (Forthright) day of the month 1 to 3, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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Mrs Meir castigates social evils

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

"No one is entitled to deny that poverty exists in Israel. We must not put up with this situation. We would be false to ourselves if we became accustomed to it and regarded it with complacency," Mrs Golda Meir, the Israeli Premier said in the Knesset on Wednesday. But, she continued in the course of a lengthy statement on Israel's social and economic problems, it would be a gross distortion of the truth to allege that the State's initiative in dealing with the problems of the underprivileged resulted from the vocal demonstrations which had recently taken place.

It was "the supreme effort of the people and Government of Israel" which had achieved "progress in housing, education and the health services," Mrs Meir stated. This progress had been maintained even though Israel had "never had one day free from anxiety over her security and survival."

Moreover, everything had been done "in the midst of actual warfare and periods of incidents and terror between wars."

Mrs Meir then looked at the other side of the picture. While there was poverty in Israel, there was also wealth. Some people were living above the standards the country could afford, she declared.

"I am not preaching a return to the atmosphere of days gone by and past concepts of dress and entertainment, but I must warn against the gap between a life style imported from abroad which is taking root in Israel... and our real national economic capacity. This is a dangerous and ominous gap."

There were people by no means at the bottom of the economic ladder whose use of the strike weapon in improper situations could paralyze the country's most

vital services and spread depression among the public.

Calling for "self-restraint on the part of all of us—first and foremost those of us who stand on the highest rungs of the salary ladder," Mrs Meir said that without it the Government could not, "as if with a magic wand," meet all demands, eradicate poverty, not impose taxes, win wars, absorb immigration and develop the economy.

Fuel oil prices increased

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Israelis, already short of money, were dealt another blow by the Finance Ministry on Monday, when oil fuel oil prices were increased. Petrol went up by 10 per cent and paraffin (kerosene) by no less than 140 per cent.

The best petrol Israel can offer, 94-octane, now costs 37p. per gallon.

Finance Ministry officials insist that what they have done is to bring Israel's fuel prices into line with world prices. The increases should not be regarded as new taxes, they say.

But, new taxes or not, the increased fuel—oil—prices have already pushed up other prices.

Belgium gives support to Vatican

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Mr Pierre Harmel, the Belgian Foreign Minister, arrived in Israel for a three-day visit on Monday evening and had his first talks on Tuesday morning with his Israeli counterpart, Mr Abba Eban. The two Ministers had a general discussion on the Middle East and related problems.

Mr Harmel's interest seems to lie much more in Jerusalem and the Arab refugees than in an interim Suez Canal settlement.

He had a meeting with King Hussein last week and the Jordanian monarch is understood to have pressed the issue of Jerusalem's future as the key to a settlement with Israel.

Belgium's Roman Catholic Government is believed to share the Vatican's view that Israel should not be left in overall control of the Holy City.

Our Paris correspondent reports: Western diplomatic sources in the French capital say that Jordan has discreetly circulated a "working paper" outlining her charges against Israel concerning Jerusalem.

It is believed that the paper contains the elements of a possible Security Council resolution strongly condemning Israel. (Jordan is expected to lodge a complaint with the Security Council about what she terms Israel's "Judaization" of Jerusalem.)

The sources said that the Americans are secretly discussing with the Jordanians a more softly worded resolution.

Mapam envoy holds talks with Chinese

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

An Israeli journalist who is regarded as the Mapam representative in Paris, Mr Eli Ben-Gal, has admitted establishing "personal" contact with members of the Chinese Embassy staff here, though the Embassy has denied this.

Mr Ben-Gal, the Paris correspondent of New Outlook, said that he had first established contact with junior Embassy officials in 1969. He continued:

"Last Saturday I met Chinese Embassy officials of the same rank without any commitment on either side and on a purely private basis."

"We discussed world developments. Including the Middle East. Since I have a high personal regard for the achievements of Chinese Communism, my hosts conducted the conversation as Chinese Communists, not as members of the Embassy."

The Israeli journalist said that he tried to clear up what he described as a China's "misunderstanding" of Israel. Israel's struggle for her own national liberation was not in contradiction to the Palestinians' own fight, Mr Ben-Gal said.

A Chinese Embassy spokesman said that the report was "pure fabrication." He added: "There has been no contact with any representative of our country."

Our Jerusalem Correspondent omits: Official sources here have been

at pains to make clear that Ben-Gal's talks in Paris Chinese Embassy officials were initiated by the Israeli Government and were not on its behalf.

At the same time, a Foreign Ministry spokesman denied that any mention of this month between Mrs Meir, the Israeli Premier, and George Macoese, the Rumanian Deputy Foreign Minister, was on a three-day visit.

Sculptor fete

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Museum curators and artists from many parts of the world are expected to attend celebrations in the Israel Museum on Tuesday to mark the birthday of Jacques Lipchitz sculptor.

CALENDAR

Friday, July 30 (Av 8), begins at 8.

Saturday, July 31 (Av 9), of the Law (Torah) 07:00. Parashah: 1, 1 to 3, 21. Parashah: 1, 1 to 3, 21. Parashah: 1, 1 to 3, 21.

Sunday, August 1 (Av 10), Parashah: 1, 1 to 3, 21. Parashah: 1, 1 to 3, 21. Parashah: 1, 1 to 3, 21.

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Sunday, August 22 (Av 1), Parashah: 1, 1 to 3, 21. Parashah: 1, 1 to 3, 21. Parashah: 1, 1 to 3, 21.

Monday, August 23 (Av 2), Parashah: 1, 1 to 3, 21. Parashah: 1, 1 to 3, 21. Parashah: 1, 1 to 3, 21.

Tuesday, August 24 (Av 3), Parashah: 1, 1 to 3, 21. Parashah: 1, 1 to 3, 21. Parashah: 1, 1 to 3, 21.

Wednesday, August 25 (Av 4), Parashah: 1, 1 to 3, 21. Parashah: 1, 1 to 3, 21. Parashah: 1, 1 to 3, 21.

Thursday, August 26 (Av 5), Parashah: 1, 1 to 3, 21. Parashah: 1, 1 to 3, 21. Parashah: 1, 1 to 3, 21.

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Mrs Golda Meir, the Israeli Premier, lays roses on grave of Mrs Paula Ben-Gurion, while Mr David Ben-Gurion looks on. Mrs Ben-Gurion is buried in the Nogeve settlement of Sde Boker, where her husband lives.

Doctors refuse to operate

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Doctors will refuse to operate on some patients who have already been admitted to Government hospitals. This is the latest move in their campaign which opened a fortnight ago to achieve pay parity with their colleagues in Kupat Cholim (the Sick Fund of the Labour Federation).

The country's health services are severely hit by the doctors' protest and the strike by administrative staffs in Government and Kupat Cholim hospitals.

Employees of the Jerusalem Religious Council, including ritual slaughterers and marriage registrars, have stopped work in support of their demands for parity of pay with their Tel Aviv colleagues.

Girls planned to destroy hotels

Lydia

Three girls "tourists" were found guilty by a military court here on Tuesday of attempting to smuggle explosives into Israel in order to blow up a number of hotels. Sentences will be announced later.

Two of the girls, Nadia and Marlene Bordall, aged 28 and 21 respectively, Moroccan-born sisters living in Paris, admitted the charges. The third, Evelyn Barl, 28, a German-born French citizen, denied them.

Police said that the three girls concealed explosives and timing devices in their handbags and luggage when they arrived from Brussels in April. They had forged French passports and were acting on orders of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Pierre Buechhalter, 69, and his wife Edith, 60, pleaded not guilty. (Reuters)

Love's way

From our Correspondent—Tel Aviv

Love has once more conquered all, this time in Israel's largest city. A Tel Aviv mother who objected to her daughter's proposed marriage partner testified before a rabbinical court that she and her daughter were not Jewish, hoping that this would prevent the wedding.

Nothing daunted the daughter proceeded to go through a ceremony of conversion—and then discovered that her prospective husband was a Cohen and could now not marry her, because a Cohen is forbidden to marry a convert.

Meanwhile, the mother returned, confessed that she had given false testimony and that both she and her daughter were Jewish. So the marriage took place after all.

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extended the ceasefire but at the same time he has set the end of this year as the deadline for war or peace.

His timing is believed to have been deliberately intended to coincide with the arrival in Israel of Mr Sisco. The Egyptian leader clearly wanted to create an atmosphere of crisis. Egyptian press and radio announcements that their forces have been placed on a "full combat alert" are seen in Jerusalem on part of the same campaign.

However, it is being emphasised here that Jerusalem will not be picked into making concessions. Most Ministers share the view that Israel has lost nothing by her present policy of sitting tight and that it is the Egyptians—who have so much to gain from a Canal settlement—who must demonstrate a more reasonable approach.

Our Washington Correspondent omits: Mr Sisco is hoping to narrow the gap between Israel and Egypt for an interim Canal settlement. He is encouraged by what are considered here the moderate

speeches by President Sadat at this week's congress of the Arab Socialist Union. Mr Sisco has also been heartened by the reverses inflicted on extremist Arabs in Morocco, Jordan and the Sudan.

President Nurel's successful counter-coup in Sudan has strengthened Mr Sisco's argument that the Russians are by no means securely in control anywhere in the Middle East and that active USA diplomacy is required to exploit the differences between the Soviet Union and her Arab clients.

The Russians are said to be worried by the possibility of an anti-Communist front in the Middle East led by Saudi Arabia and Libya.

Eddie's ecstasy



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